

Psalms 107:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

Analysis

This verse describes God's restorative work, reversing verse 33. 'He turneth the wilderness into a standing water' shows transformation from barren to fertile. 'Wilderness' (midbar, מִדְבָּר) is desert wasteland. 'Standing water' (agam mayim, אֲגַם-מַיִם) is pool or lake—water source. 'And dry ground into watersprings' adds flowing water (motsa mayim, מוֹצֵא מַיִם), springs or fountains. This describes restoration after judgment, creating life from death, abundance from scarcity. Isaiah prophesied this restoration: 'I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water' (Isaiah 41:18). God's redemptive work reverses curse and restores blessing.

Historical Context

Israel's return from exile and land restoration fulfilled this. God promised 'I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert' (Isaiah 43:19). The restoration wasn't merely political but agricultural—the land would flourish again. Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from the temple (Ezekiel 47:1-12), bringing life wherever it flows, pictures eschatological restoration. Revelation 22:1-2 completes this: the river of life in New Jerusalem, with trees bearing fruit monthly. Complete cosmic restoration.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's transformation of wilderness to watersprings demonstrate redemptive power?
2. What do water restoration prophecies teach about new creation and final restoration?
3. How does ecological restoration serve as picture of spiritual regeneration and renewal?

Interlinear Text

יֵשׁׁ ׀	בְּׁ דִבְרִי	לְאַגֹּם	מַיִם׃	וְאֶרֶץ	צָרָה
He turneth	the wilderness	into a standing	into watersprings	ground	and dry
H7760	H4057	H98	H4325	H776	H6723
לְמַצְׁ אֵי	מַיִם׃				
H4161	into watersprings				
	H4325				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 114:8 (Parallel theme): Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.